IN THE UNITED STATE DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS EASTERN DIVISION

RICK FERMAZIN,)
Plaintiff,)
V.) Case No: 15 CV 7272
•)
MENARD, INC.)))
Defendant.)

DEFENDANT'S MOTIONS IN LIMINE

NOW COMES the defendant, MENARD, INC., by and through their attorney, Marilynn Frangella, of FABRIZIO, HANSON, PEYLA & KAWINSKI, P.C., prior to selection of the jury in this case, and respectfully moves this Honorable Court, in limine, to enter an Order directing the plaintiff and any witness called by the plaintiff, to refrain from making any direct or indirect mention whatsoever, at the Trial, before the Jury, of the matters hereinafter set forth, without first obtaining permission of this Court, outside the presence and hearing of the Jury.

1. The defendant moves in limine to bar the plaintiff from making any mention whatsoever of insurance or suggesting in any way, directly or indirectly, that the defendant is insured or was insured at any relevant time, and further barring the plaintiff, and any witness called by the plaintiff, from utilizing the word "insurance", "claim" or "adjuster" while testifying before the Court, or inferring that there is liability insurance coverage available to the defendant. *Imparato v. Rooney*, 419 N.E.2d 620; *Guardo v. Navarro*, 47 III.App.2d. 27, 197 N.E.2d. 469 (1964).

Granted	Granted as Modified	Denied	Reserved	Withdrawn
2.	The defendant moves in lin	mine to bar the	e plaintiff, or any	witness called by
the plaintiff, f	rom making any mention o	r reference to	the wealth or po	verty of any party.
Granted	Granted as Modified	Denied	Reserved	Withdrawn
3.	The defendant moves in li	mine to bar all	non-party witne	esses from the
courtroom ur	ntil they are called to testify,	so that each	witness will not	hear the testimony
of other witne	esses, and thereby be influe	enced or preju	idiced in any wa	y regarding his or
her testimon	y. <u>Noone v. Olehy</u> (1921), 2	297 III. 160, 13	30 N.E. 476.	
Granted	Granted as Modified	Denied	Reserved	Withdrawn
4.	The defendant moves to b	ar any and all	testimony, docu	ımentary
evidence, co	mments, arguments, questi	ioning and/or i	inferences by the	e plaintiff or his
attorney rega	arding any and all amounts	of any medica	al bills or other e	xpenditures
allegedly inc	urred without evidence as to	o the reasonal	bleness and nec	essity of said bills.
It is error to a	admit medical bills without e	evidence of pa	yment or reasor	nableness, and
evidence of t	he amount charged alone of	does not indica	ate reasonablen	ess. Further in the
absence of c	ompetent medical testimon	y the plaintiff	can only claim th	ne amount actually
paid after pro	oviding proof of same. Arth	nur v <u>Catour,</u> 2	216 III 2d 72, (III	2005), <u>Wills</u> v
<u>Foster</u> , 229 I	ll 2d 393 (III 2008), <u>Baker</u> v	Hutson, 333 I	II App 3d 486, 2	66 III Dec 791 (5th
Dist 2002).				
Granted	Granted as Modified	Denied	Reserved	Withdrawn

5.	The defendant moves to be	oar any comm	ents or other dis	cussion that this
case could n	not be, or was not settled ar	nd that there v	vere settlement i	negotiations by or
between any	of the parties to this case,	including any	offers allegedly	made by the
defendant at	t the scene to pay the plain	tiff's medical t	oills.	
Granted	_Granted as Modified	Denied	Reserved	Withdrawn
6.	The defendant moves to	bar the attorn	ey for the plainti	ff from inquiring
during voir d	lire that an prospective juro	r or member o	of their family wo	rk in the claim
department of	of an insurance company, o	or in the altern	native that any su	uch questions be
asked outsid	de the presence of the other	r prospective	jurors.	
Granted	_Granted as Modified	Denied	Reserved	Withdrawn
7.	The defendant moves	to bar plaintiff	s counsel from	requesting defense
counsel stip	ulate to the admissibility of	any evidence	or any facts in the	ne presence and
hearing of th	e jury, or moving for a direc	cted verdict in	the presence ar	nd hearing of the
jury.				
Granted	_Granted as Modified	Denied	Reserved	Withdrawn
8.	The defendant moves t	o bar any lay	witness testimor	ny or mention of
the condition	of the plaintiff or plaintiff's	injuries other	than degree, loc	cation and
frequency of	symptoms based on obse	rvations.		
Granted	_Granted as Modified	Denied	Reserved	Withdrawn

9.	The defendant moves to	bar any argi	ument or referen	ce that the
defendant fa	iled to produce testimony	or evidence.	It is not the defe	ndant's burden to
produce any	evidence or testimony.			
Granted	_Granted as Modified	Denied	_ Reserved	_ Withdrawn
10.	The defendant moves	to bar any an	d all medical rec	ords from being
published to	the jury or go to the jury fo	or deliberation	s. <u>Gossard v. K</u>	alra, 225 III. Dec.
725 (1997).				
Granted	_Granted as Modified	Denied	_ Reserved	_ Withdrawn
11.	The defendant moves to	o bar the plai	ntiffs from arguin	g that the plaintiffs
has had to w	ait many months and year	s for their day	in court. This is	s not only irrelevant
and prejudic	ial but also attempts to cor	nvey that the	delay was occas	oned by the
defendant.				
Granted	_Granted as Modified	Denied	_ Reserved	_ Withdrawn
12.	The defendant moves to	bar any refer	ence to the filing	or rulings on this
motion in lim	ine in the presence of the	jury.		
Granted	_Granted as Modified	Denied	_ Reserved	_ Withdrawn
13.	The defendant moves to	bar any refere	ence to any cour	t orders entered
throughout tl	his litigation in the presenc	e of the jury.		
Granted	_Granted as Modified	Denied	_ Reserved	_ Withdrawn

14	4.	The defendant moves to	bar any	reference	e that the plair	ntiff was too poor
or could	not a	afford desired medical trea	atment.	<u>Hedge</u> v	v. Midwest Co	nstruction, 53 III.
App. 2d	365.					
Granted_		Granted as Modified	_ Denie	d R	Reserved	Withdrawn
15	5.	The Defendant moves i	n limine	to bar th	ne Plaintiffs,	their attorneys and
any witr	ness	called by the Plaintiffs	from be	eing que	stioned or co	ommenting on the
veracity	of ar	other witness as it invad	es the pr	ovince of	f the trier of fa	act and is improper
See Cle	eary	Graham's Handbook of	Illinois E	Evidence	Section 611	.25 (page 566)(7 ^t
Edition 1	1999)).				
Granted _.		Granted as Modified	_ Denie	d R	Reserved	Withdrawn
10	6.	Defendant moves in limit	ne to bar	any testi	imony, eviden	ce or argument
regardin	g any	other accident at Menar	ds stores	s, whethe	er prior to or fo	ollowing the a
accident	that	is the subject of this laws	suit base	d on rele	vance.	
Granted _.		Granted as Modified	_ Denie	d R	Reserved	Withdrawn

17. Defendant moves in limine to bar the plaintiff from claiming the medical specials associated with treatment to his left ankle as there is not competent medical evidence connecting his claimed left ankle injury and treatment to the subject accident. Defense counsel obtained the deposition of Dr. Ankur Behl who performed the plaintiff's left ankle surgery following the subject accident. Dr. Behl did not relate the plaintiff's left ankle injury and treatment to the subject accident. See Dr. Behl's deposition, attached hereto. Dr. Behl testified that the plaintiff's left ankle injury and surgery were due to an incident that occurred on May 3, 2014. (Dr. Behl, p. 38, lines 15-24).

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WHEREFORE, the defendant respectfully request this Court to enter an Order directing the Plaintiff, through his respective counsel, and said counsel, individually, not to mention, refer to or interrogate concerning, or voluntarily answer or attempt to convey before the jury, at any time during these proceedings, in any manner, either directly or indirectly, the subject matters as stated above, without first informing the Court and obtaining permission of the Court, outside the presence and hearing of the jury; and further, to instruct the Plaintiff, through her respective counsel, and respective counsel individually, not to make any reference or inference to the fact that this Motion has been filed, argued or ruled upon by this Court, and further that Plaintiff's counsel be instructed to warn and caution each and every witness appearing in their phase of this litigation to strictly comply with this rule of the Court.

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PROOF OF SERVICE

I, Marilynn Frangella, attorney, certify that I served Defendant's Motions in Limine with exhibits to all attorneys of record by depositing a true and correct copy of same in the U.S. Mail, proper postage prepaid, in Joliet, Illinois, on March 10, 2017.

/s/ Marilynn Frangella